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Madrid, September 12.

ON the 6th Inſtant an Expreſs from Paris arrived at the Eſcurial, with Advice of the Engagement between the Britiſh and Spaniſh Fleets, on the 11th of Auguſt off Syracuſa, in which ſeveral Spaniſh Men of War were loſt. This News was received with great Conſternation; but People's Spirits have ſince been raiſed a little, by a Report given out, that a Courier who was diſpatched from Rome by Cardinal Acquaviva, on the 27th of Auguſt, and arrived at the Eſcurial on the 8th Inſtant, brought a more favourable Account, namely, that the Marqueſs de Mari's Squadron did indeed ſuffer much, and loſt three or four Ships, but that the Loſs of the Engliſh was not leſs than ours. We are expecting an Expreſs from ſome of our Commanders, with the certain Particulars of all that has paſſed. On the 9th came Advice, that the People of Bilbao and of the adjacent Places had made an Inſurrection, that they required the Deputies who had lately been employed to ſollicit the Court to redreſs their Grievances, to ſign a Paper in the Form of a Proclamation, by which the new Duties collected by the Officers of the Cuſtoms were declared to be aboliſhed, and upon their Refuſal killed them, plundered ſeveral Houſes, and committed other great Diſorders. It is not yet known what is become of the Corregidor and other Magiſtrates and Officers, becauſe there is a Stop at preſent to the paſſing of Letters. Upon Advice of this Inſurrection, the Deputy of Biſcay who reſides here, repaired to the Eſcurial, where he was told that a Council would be held to conſider what Reſolution might be proper to be taken on this Occaſion. Don Andres de Pez, Preſident of the Council of the Indies, has offered to reſign that Employment, alledging that his bad State of Health obliges him to retire from Buſineſs. But this Diſpoſition of his to reſign, is imputed rather to his ſeeing the Authority of the Council reſtrained and diminiſhed daily, and little Regard had to their Repreſentations. He has been ordered however to continue in his Employment, the King not thinking fit at preſent to diſpence with his Service. 'Tis ſaid the Court will remove from the Eſcurial to Balſain the End of this Month, to take the Diverſion of Hunting for a Fortnight or three Weeks, and will then return to Madrid. Such Repreſentations have been made to the Court, of the great Inconveniences ariſing from the Order given for all the Silver belonging to private Perſons which came by the laſt Flota to be ſent to the King's Mints, that 'tis hoped that Order will be recalled.

Bayone, Sept. 10. By an Expreſs which arrived Yeſterday from Bilbao we have an Account, that on Sunday the 4th Inſtant 8000 Peaſants and others, well armed, drew together from the neighbouring Country, and advanced to Begogne, which is at a very ſmall Diſtance from Bilbao, where dwelt one of the chief Gentlemen of the Province who had been ſent Deputy to Madrid to plead for their Privileges. They killed him, plundered and burnt his Houſe, and ſome others near it. Then they entred Bilbao, to ſieze the Officers of the Cuſtoms, but they had made their Eſcape. They plundered the Cuſtom-Houſe and burnt it. They alſo plundered 10 or 12 private Houſes, burnt three or four, and killed ſeven or eight Perſons. The Inhabitants uſed all manner of